

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gastroschisis is a birth defect causing the intestines to protrude from a hole in the abdomen, typically to the right of the umbilical cord, and occasionally involves other organs; and,

Whereas, There are 1 in 2229 individuals born with gastroschisis in the United States, and roughly the same number born in South Dakota annually, and hundreds of South Dakota residents are among those affected by gastroschisis; and,

Whereas, While approximately 90 percent of affected infants survive with proper medical care, there is a 10 percent mortality rate due to complications or related defects and infections; and,

Whereas, Individuals living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions which have a significant impact on the lives of those affected but not limited to failure to thrive, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long-term feeding issues; and,

Whereas, The cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, and individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, and few treatment options; and,

Whereas, Organizations like Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation will join in celebrating a nationwide observance of Gastroschisis Awareness Day:

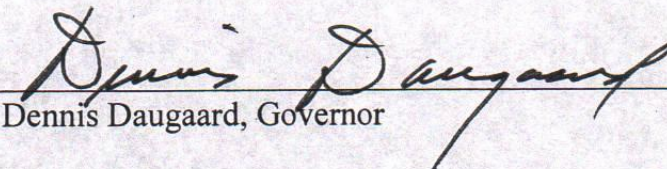
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2016, as

GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY

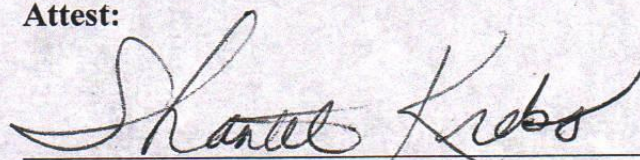
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State